

NACM MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE –
STATE ASSOCIATION SUB-COMMITTEE
2008-09 Report of Projects and Results

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1. Project Title: Information Update

Results: Staff from the New Jersey courts volunteered time to contact all known court organizations that operate on a state, county and local level. A master spreadsheet was developed for associations that responded. An e-mail list and a rudimentary database were also developed. This information was shared with the Board at the mid-year meeting in Portland, Oregon. Board members were encouraged to make any additions, corrections and deletions. Information is now on file with NCSC – Association Services.

2. Project Title Networking and Information Sharing

Results: Three conference calls were conducted on February 25, April 15, and June 9, 2009. A variety of topics were covered. Here is a brief summary of major points discussed.

- **Leadership Seminar:** NACM Immediate Past President, Paul J. Burke, provided an overview of the Agenda for the 2009 Leadership Seminar scheduled to take place during our annual conference in Boston, Massachusetts. Participation from State Association Officers was encouraged.
- **The Economy and Associations:** State Association representatives discussed the impact of the economy on their associations and courts. Some of the common themes were:
 - Decreased association membership
 - Less training money
 - Travel restrictions
 - Furloughs
 - Staff reductions
 - Budget reductions
- **The Economy Continued:** NACM Vice-President Jude Del Preore informed association presidents that there is another resource for information. The resource is called ASAE & the Center for Association Leadership. ASAE (American Society of Association Executives) is the membership organization and voice of the association profession. Founded in 1920, ASAE now has more than 22,000 members. The Center for Association Leadership is the premier provider of learning and knowledge for the association community. The Center was founded in 2001. ASAE & the Center serve approximately 10,000 associations that represent more than 287 million people and organizations worldwide.

NACM participated in a study regarding the effects of the economy on associations. They have a variety of other resources for association management. Information can be accessed on the ASAE website at www.asaecenter.org.

§ **Court Connections Network:** Laura Klaversma, Court Services Operations Director for the National Center for State Courts, presented information on the Court Connections Network (CCN). This began as a joint effort with the Conference of State Court Administrators (COSCA). State court administrators identified 29 experts to assist NCSC on consulting projects. NCSC has also included recommendations from the National Association for Court Management (NACM) to gain trial court administrative expertise in this group. It was requested that NCSC consider adding speakers who could address various topics of interest to State Court Associations. Laura welcomed the idea and this suggestion will be presented to the full NACM Board at the next meeting. In the meantime, requests for assistance through the CCN should be made to Laura Klaversma in the NCSC Denver Office. She may be reached as follows: klaversma@ncsc.org or by telephone 303.308.4301

The National Agenda: State Association Representatives helped prioritize the items developing for NACM's National Agenda:

Priority One: Funding of State Court Systems and Trial Courts

Priority Two: Professional Court Management Education:

∅ Level I: Effective delivery of education for leadership judges, court managers, and staff focused on the ten NACM Core Competencies.

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∅ Level II: College-level educational degrees training students in the art and science of court management. We have established a ten year affiliation with Michigan State University (MSU) for this purpose.

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Priority Three: Pandemic Preparedness

Priority Four: Public Perceptions of the Courts and Community Collaboration (Accountability, Transparency and CourTools).

Priority Five: Judiciary, Executive, and Legislative Relationships

Priority Six: Court System and Trial Court Governance: Succession Planning – Creating the next generation of Court Managers.

Priority Seven: Elder Issues: Guardianships/Conservatorships.

Priority Eight: Caseload Management Improvements – A Joint Project with the National Judicial College.

Priority Nine: Immigration and Interpreting Issues

Priority Ten: Self- Represented Issues

Additional Comments:

NACM should attempt to sponsor four (4) to six (6) conference calls in 2009-2010. Efforts must be made to work with other court associations to keep the information of state associations current and complete.